

BRETHREN EVANGELIST.

FROM JONES' MILLS, PA.

I am happy this evening as I sit at the fireside at the hour of seven, (which is a rare occurrence for several weeks past) to pen a few items of news from this part of the Lord's vineyard. Since last report have held two protracted meetings—first at Laurel Run, near Kecksburgh. Bro. S. W. Wilt was with us and did most of the preaching and continued over three weeks; immediate results, three accessions and two promises. Have had four accessions at this point during the year thus far, also had a very pleasant communion in connection. Bro. Wilt's services were much appreciated.

We commenced a meeting at Jones' Mill Dec. 22, and on the 25th Elder Henry Wise arrived full of vim and vigor and conducted meeting until the evening of Jan. 13, and closed with a communion. We had a good meeting, one long to be remembered, though we had many hindrances to to meet—deep snow and severe cold, then sudden thaw and slush, so that those who had no conveyance dared not venture out. There were other meetings in progress in the vicinity, one at the beginning, and another a week at the last, thus giving us only about one week clear sailing.

Bro. Wise labored long and hard amid all the hindrances within and without, and while there are no accessions to report, yet I feel that a good work has been done, and possibly as much as could have been expected under existing circumstances. Sermons were well taken and our brother has many warm friends as a man and as a preacher. The church seems more united in her desire and aim than before and I trust in God that we may all realize this in our future endeavors for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

I trust we may, by the help of the Lord see some fruits of our labors before long in the way of conversions and accessions. Had a very enjoyable communion last night. A number of the members however were absent on account of the severe weather—fourteen degrees below zero. During the nice weather in the fall and winter the brethren were improving the church property and enhancing the value of same. A new paling fence, hitching posts and rails, new roof and on the inside a brand new organ; the result of the untiring zeal and efforts of Bro. D. C. McCloy, a monument of his first years' work in the church. Of course the rest have a hand in it too in dollars and cents.

New music books was the next. Sorry we could not defer this until *our own is ready*, but we needed books badly and we have a good collection of hymns and the outcome of it all is much better singing, and may we still improve. It inspires the preacher and cheers the people. That is what good music does in the church.

W. A. HARMAN.

SPIRITUAL GLEANINGS.

Yesterday, January 20, we closed our meeting at Tiosa, Ind., after two weeks labor. The weather was somewhat against us for four evenings. Heavy snow-storms prevented many persons from attending, and the interest awakened at the beginning was considerably weakened by the falling off in the attendance. But the storm cleared away, and everything in the shape of sleds and sleighs were brought into use and we had a fairly good attendance at the close of our meetings.

Notwithstanding that the weather was against us, we feel that we had a good meeting and that God blessed us in our work. We had Bible reading almost every day during the meeting, and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves, and the brethren have concluded to keep it up each Thursday evening. The ingathering was not what we desired to see. The immediate result being four precious souls, yet if they are faithful and reach home, it is more than ten thousand worlds like this, and we praise His holy name for what he has done for us.

The church at Tiosa has had her troubles, as many of our brethren know. For awhile her troubles came thick and fast until seemingly the waves would cover her over and obliterate it, yet by the grace of God and good honest workers and earnest prayers, she is again upon her feet and moving Zionward in peace and union, and all earnestly doing their part. They have an evergreen Sunday school, with a good corps of officers and teachers, and good attendance. We predict a bright future and a pleasant time with them as pastor and people. Pray for our success at this place; we would love to-day to wend our way homeward and be with our loved ones for a while, but the pressure of work compels us to go to Burns' Chapel and commence a meeting there. I find that five protracted meetings in one winter keeps us busy, but the harvest is great and the laborers few. I ask an interest in the prayers of our beloved brotherhood, in behalf of unworthy me and family.

Fraternally Yours,

D. A. HOPKINS.

FROM CORNELL, ILL.

[Once more we come to the EVANGELIST with our reports, and we can say the new year of 1895 finds us newly consecrated to God. The church here is doing nicely, and all it can, according to circumstances. We are isolated and poor, financially, but while we are poor, God is rich, and able, and willing to give if we only ask and trust in him. We are trusting in him and believe that God will bless us some time soon with a home of our own, and a minister who can preach such doctrine as we love to hear. Since our last communication we have had one accession to the church. The prayer-meetings are growing in number, there were twenty-five out last week. We are glad to say the young people are taking an active part in this work, which makes it more interesting. The young can be a great power in the church if they will. May the Lord bless the young people and make them strong, and may they not grow weary in well-doing.

The EVANGELIST still continues to bring in good news. For this we are encouraged, because we know the brethren are at work. Let us work more faithfully, pray more earnestly, that God will hear and answer our prayers and may much good be done in the Brethren church.

Jan. 20. MRS. ALICE J. HOLMES.

FROM LEON, IOWA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our church is moving along nicely at this place. We had a Council Meeting January 10th, and transacted considerable important business. Bro. Frank Leors, J. F. Garber and M. P. Garber, were elected trustees, and Bro. W. J. Field, secretary; Lawrence Caster, treasurer. The church then considered the proposition of Brother and Sister Flora, in regard to coming down to this place every two weeks the coming year, and decided to engage them. Thus Bro. Thomas ceases to come regularly, and Bro. Flora takes his place. We will miss the monthly visits of our beloved Bro. Thomas, but as he does not live so very far away, we will expect to have him among us frequently. Meantime we will not forget his good admonitions and pray the Lord to bless his labors wherever he is.

Sister Flora filled her regular appointment here January 19, 20 and 21, with good attendance and attention.

The editor misunderstood my last report, I guess, as he made me say that two had been added to our church by baptism. They have not been baptized yet, but expect to attend to that before long. Hoping that the Lord may still call sinners home here as well as elsewhere, we remain,

Yours Very Truly,

Jan. 21, 1895.

M. P. GARBER.